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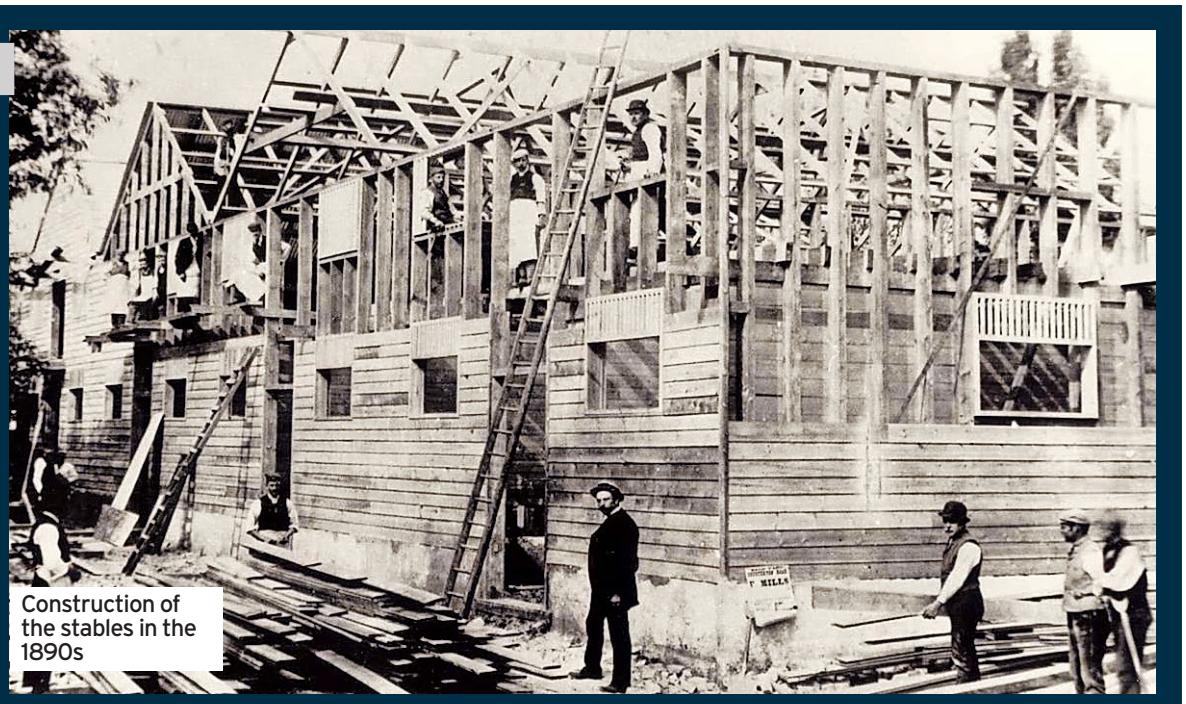
Families are leaving the Fens and new stalls for the horse buses

MIKE PETTY AND JAMES MILNER LOOK THROUGH THE CAMBRIDGE NEWS ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST

Horse bus



Construction of the stables in the 1890s

Horse bus stables – 1986

Tucked away behind the Arundel House Hotel are wooden buildings put up in 1896 as stabling for horse buses. The names of some of the horses, like Badgy, Wanderer and Pixie can still be seen painted on the walls over the stalls and there are depressions in the floor where the horses stamped each night.

Later, the building was used for garaging undergraduates' cars and university proctors insisted there were holes in the doors so they could check that the vehicles were there.

During the war, Marshall's had it for aeroplane work and then they became workshops.

Queues at Victoria Cinema in 1947

Navigation founders – 1909

The directors of the Ouse Navigation Ltd have been unable to raise the necessary funds and deposits have been returned to those who subscribed for shares.

They had offered £5,000 for the toll-rights and property belonging to the navigation, which was declined.

They expressed surprise at the indifference shown by people in Cambridgeshire. But few people knew about it.

Looking through the files of the Cambridge Daily News and Cambridgeshire Weekly News we are unable to trace any reference to the enterprise.

If the directors did not take the trouble to explain their proposals to the public, they can hardly blame the public for not being interested in them.

Cinema sued – 1940

ERIC Pointer sued Cambridge Holdings for salary.

He and father had formed Pointer and Company in 1939 to build and run a modern cinema – The Victoria – and The Still and Sugar Loaf pub.

In 1935, Cambridge Holdings were formed to acquire cinemas; they bought Pointer and Co for £30,500 and asked him to help acquire others. He had agreed salary but this was terminated.

He had also worked for Union Cinema's Cambridge cinema.